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Lebanon

Israeli Moves — Israeli troops entered several Lebanese villages west of the Galilee panhandle 28 August, detaining and interrogating local inhabitants, Beirut radio reported. Meanwhile, the Israeli authorities released 113 Lebanese detainees from 'Atlit jail and transferred them to the International Red Cross in southern Lebanon, IDF radio announced. Israeli official Uri Lubrani expressed hope that the remaining 150 Lebanese detainees in 'Atlit will be released very soon, the radio noted.

Political/Security Situation — President Amin al-Jumayyil and Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad agreed on the need to accelerate conciliatory moves and prevent an aggravation of the current situation, Beirut radio disclosed in a report on a telephone conversation between the two leaders. Al-Asad reportedly affirmed Syria's willingness to do everything possible to unite the Lebanese people. The radio had earlier cited reports that the Lebanese Forces have agreed to the deployment of Syrian observers inside Christian areas provided they are joined by French observers. A French envoy subsequently left for Damascus after holding talks with President al-Jumayyil, according to Voice of Lebanon radio which said the envoy told al-Jumayyil that France will only propose French participation in the Lebanese security plan if this is requested by the Lebanese Government.

In another development, Beirut radio reported that former Presidents Sulayman Franjiyah, Camille Sham'un, and Charles Hilu began talks 28 August in a village near Jubayl.

Libya

Reacting to the U.S. State Department's reaffirmation of support for Tunisia, JANA's political editor said Libya did not expect a U.S. stance different from its "previous hostile ones" and opposites can only meet in the "combat arena." Earlier, the Kuwaiti paper *AL-SIYASAH* reported that it has learned from "reliable sources" that Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi has promised to end the dispute with Tunisia in a manner that will please both countries, and the Tunisian workers issue will be resolved if Tunisia ends it media campaign against Libya.

In another development, Foreign Liaison Secretary 'Ali 'Abd al-Salam al-Turayki said that Lebanese workers in Libya may be expelled if they refuse to accept Libyan citizenship, according to the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon. As for the economic effects of the departure of foreign workers, a source in the economy and light industries secretariat cited by JANA said all bakeries, vehicle maintenance workshops, and other technical workshops have been operating normally and at the same capacity.

Israel

The Israeli authorities have reliable information that PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat is "personally" directing terrorist activity against Israel, Prime Minister Shim'on Peres stated in remarks broadcast by Jerusalem television. Meanwhile, security forces uncovered a youth organization in the Golan Heights responsible for a number of terrorist attacks against the IDF and Israeli citizens over the last 6 months, Jerusalem radio reported.

In a separate development, Jerusalem radio reported that Khalil Abu Ziyad departed for Jordan 28 August and is expected to stay there 3 years in accordance with an agreement reached earlier in the week with Israeli authorities.

Saudi Arabia

Differences among Muslims are increasing, King Fahd said in a speech to pilgrimage delegation leaders broadcast by Riyadh television. Noting that all good offices to halt the "ferocious" Iran-Iraq war have failed, the king said "we have done all that we could" in this respect.

Western Sahara

Saharan People's Liberation Army forces destroyed a West German boat in Saharan territorial waters 22 August, according to a Saharan Information Ministry communique reported by Algiers radio. Two FRG citizens were picked up and the Saharans are examining ways to hand them over to their government. The communique noted that nations have been warned that the war is subjecting civilians traveling in Saharan territory to "serious danger."

Pakistan

Benazir Bhutto, leader of the outlawed Pakistan People's Party, warned that Pakistanis will not tolerate martial law beyond the 1 January 1986 deadline announced by Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo earlier this month, AFP reported. She said the party did not want to provide the government with any excuse to continue military rule beyond that period.

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SPA: Afghani Mujahidin Inflict Serious Losses

GF271520 Riyadh SPA in Arabic 1415 GMT 27 Aug 85

[Text] Islamabad, 27 Aug (SPA) — Soviet and Afghani Government forces have sustained serious losses of life during a counterattack launched by the Afghani mujahidin in the Province of Paktia.

Western diplomats in Islamabad noted today that reports indicate that the hospitals were swamped with killed and wounded. Helicopters and military convoys were seen rushing toward the southeastern part of Afghanistan. Afghani sources reported that the garrison at Khowst, which was besieged by the Afghani mujahidin, fell to them on 20 August.

Faruq Cited on Role of Sarandoy Forces

LD272145 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 27 Aug 85

[Text] As a result of the attention and wise supervision of the PDPA Central Committee, the Sarandoy forces of the DRA have been transformed into a reliable bulwark of the defense of the gains of the April revolution and its new and developmental stage. Now the units of Sarandoy are equipped with combat weapons and high technology, and its officers, men, and staff with high morale and better combat capability, are serving the homeland, people and revolution.

Expressing the aforementioned words, Brigadier General Mohammad Faruq, the head of political affairs of the Ministry of Internal Affairs shed light on the role of the committees and party organizations of the DRA Ministry of Internal Affairs in the light of the decisions and resolutions of the PDPA Central Committee's 15th plenum and said:

Since the convocation of the 15th PDPA Central Committee Plenum, the units and companies of Sarandoy increasingly recognize the importance of the resolutions and decisions of the plenum and they are carrying out their tasks in accordance with the comprehensive statement of general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee, president of the DRA Revolutionary Council, and supreme commander of the the DRA Armed Forces Babrak Karmal in which the present conditions of our country have been profoundly analyzed and assessed.

He said: Due to the selfless aid which the great land of the Soviets has extended to our country, including the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the role of the Sarandoy has been enhanced in defending and consolidating the gains of the April revolution. In joint close efforts with the Army and KHAD [secret police], the Sarandoy has carried and is carrying out great duties in crushing the counterrevolutionary bands; in protecting establishments, economic projects, and transportation lines; and in consolidating public order and revolutionary legality in the country.

The Political Affairs Department of the Ministry of Internal affairs makes constant and indefatigable efforts toward enhancing the political consciousness of their personnel in order to raise the combat capability and morale of the men, officers, and staff through consistent and effective party and political work.

On the basis of the valuable resolutions of the 15th PDPA Central Committee plenum and the tasks and mission which have been entrusted to the Ministry of Internal Affairs by the plenum, the political organs, party committees, and primary organizations should be improved, and the level of their effectiveness should be enhanced.

Referring to the influence of the party in all aspects of the activities of the units and companies of the Sarandoy, he said that after the nationwide conference of the PDPA, the number of party primary organizations has increased fivefold and the number of party members has increased threefold.

Presently, one out of every two DRA Ministry of Internal Affairs staff members is either a member of the PDPA or a member of the DYOA. Party organizations have been formed in all units and companies of the Sarandoy.

Akali Dal Militant Faction to Boycott Elections

HK281140 Hong Kong AFP in English 1138 GMT 28 Aug 85

[Text] New Delhi, Aug 28 (AFP) — The militant faction of the main Sikh political party, the Akali Dal, today decided to boycott next month's elections in the northern state of Punjab, PRESS TRUST OF INDIA (PTI) reported. The decision to boycott the elections was announced by the party president, Joginder Singh, father of late militant Sikh religious leader Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, at the Sikh holy city of Amritsar in Punjab, PTI said.

Mr. Singh's "United" Akali Dal had authorised him on Sunday to decide whether to boycott or participate in the September 25 elections which will end two years of direct federal rule in the predominantly-Sikh state.

The moderate faction of the party led by Surjit Singh Barnala has already decided to participate in the poll.

The federal government last week decided to hold the polls for the 117-member state legislative assembly and to elect 13 deputies from the state to the federal parliament. The decision to hold the elections was taken after the signing of an agreement between the government and the moderate faction of the Akali Dal, aimed at ending a violent Sikh campaign for greater autonomy in Punjab.

Two Arrested in Punjab in Longowal Murder Case

BK280318 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 28 Aug 85

[Text] In Punjab, two more persons have been arrested in connection with the assassination of Sant Longowal. This raises the total number of arrests in the case to seven.

Threat to Life of West Bengal Minister Reported

BK280852 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 28 Aug 85

[Text] The CPI-M members in the Lok Sabha expressed concern over the reported plot to assassinate the West Bengal chief minister, Mr Jyoti Basu, during one of his visits to New Delhi. The speaker, Mr Bal Ram Jakhar, said it is a matter of concern to all and being a security matter, the government will take care of it.

The matter was raised by the CPI-M members in the Rajya Sabha also.

U.S. Space Weapons Development Criticized

BK280946 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 28 Aug 85

[Text] India has called for negotiations to conclude an agreement to prevent the extension of the arms race in outer space.

Speaking at the conference on disarmament last night, the Indian ambassador to the UN in Geneva, Mr Muchkund Dubey, said that the development of space weapons and the arms race in outer space must be prevented at all cost.

He said the planned space weapon systems, some of which are already in an advanced stage of development, will take the nuclear arms race to a higher and qualitatively different level of escalation.

Referring to the Star Wars plan, Mr Dubey said it will set in motion an exceedingly grave chain reaction This would have serious implications not only for those countries (?being) promised protection, but also for those in the developing world which remain outside this dubious protection.

Referring to the development of antisatellite weapons, Mr Dubey called for a ban on the testing, development, and deployment of all such weapons.

Mr Dubey welcomed the unilateral Soviet decision to suspend all nuclear test explosions till the end of this year. He said India hoped that the United States and all other nuclear weapons countries will join the Soviet Union in suspending nuclear tests to facilitate negotiations for a comprehensive test ban treaty.

Report on Opening of Geneva Talks on Afghanistan
BK280424 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 27 Aug 85

[Text] The fifth round of UN-sponsored indirect talks on Afghanistan began in Geneva today.

The UN secretary general's personal representative, Mr Diego Cordovez, had two separate meetings with the foreign minister, Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, and the Kabul regime's foreign minister, Mr Shah Mohammad Dost.

The first meeting between the Pakistan foreign minister and Mr Cordovez lasted an hour.

It was followed by another meeting in the afternoon.

Mr Cordovez also had two meetings with the foreign minister of the Kabul regime, one in the morning followed by another in the afternoon.

Agency, quoting a spokesman of the Pakistan delegation, said the day's meeting between the UN mediator and the two foreign ministers were concerned with the procedural matters.

He said (?substantive) discussions have yet to come.

Benazir Bhutto Warns Against Martial Law
HK280259 Hong Kong AFP in English 0200 GMT 28 Aug 85

[Text] Karachi, Aug 27 (AFP) — Benazir Bhutto, daughter of the late Premier Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto and acting leader of the outlawed Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), today called for an end to eight years of military rule in Pakistan and warned that people would not tolerate martial law beyond next January 1.

Addressing thousands of party militants gathered at her sea-side villa to offer condolences on the recent death of her brother Shah Nawaz in Cannes, France, she said the PPP did not want to provide the present government with any excuse to pursue martial law beyond the January 1 deadline announced by Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo earlier this month.

Miss Bhutto said the people would resume the struggle to restore their democratic rights if martial law has not ended by January 1, 1986.

The people had tolerated martial law for the past eight years and could no longer bear the hardships of unemployment, poverty and lack of political rights and economic justice, she added.

Earlier, thousands of enthusiastic PPP followers gave her a tumultuous welcome as she arrived at the airport here from Larkana, her hometown, for a 10-day visit.

SRI LANKA

New Auxiliary Security Force Announced

HK280925 Hong Kong AFP in English 0906 GMT 28 Aug 85

[Text] Colombo, Aug 28 (AFP) — Sri Lanka, bracing for a possible new offensive by Tamil miltants, today announced plans to draft people over 18 for an auxiliary security force.

State and Information Minister Anandatissa de Alwis said after a weekly cabinet meeting that those refusing to register for the mobilisation would face at least four years in jail.

Mr De Alwis said a "Mobilization of Supplementary Forces Act" was being drafted to specify what type of youth would have to join. But he gave no projected figure of how many will join the additional force.

He said that the government decided to create the force to supplement efforts by the current voluntary army to meet the threat posed by militant Tamil separatists.

Mr De Alwis said recruitment to the auxiliary force would be obligatory for those found eligible.

A section of Sri Lanka's 2.5 million Tamils have been waging a bloody battle for independence in the north and east.

Deported Tamil Leader Returns to India

Chandrahasan Arrives 27 Aug

BK280334 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 28 Aug 85

[Text] The deported Sri Lanka Tamil leader, Mr Chandrahasan, was flown back to India from New York yesterday. An agency report from New York says that he refused to avail of his multiple entry visa in the United States and therefore he was put on board an Air India flight 36 hours after he landed in Boston.

Held at Airport

BK280847 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 28 Aug 85

[Text] The deported Sri Lankan Tamil leader, Mr Chandrahasan, flew into Bombay by an Air India flight from New York today. According to agency reports he was not allowed to leave the airport.

Khomeyni Compares Past, Present in 'Id Speech

LD271514 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 27 Aug 85

[34-minute speech by Ayatollah Ruhollah Musavi Khomeyni to a group of religious and university teachers and other dignitaries, as well as ambassadors of Islamic countries to Iran, on the occasion of 'Id al-Adha; date, place not given — recorded]

[Excerpts] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. I express my congratulations on this blessed 'Id which possesses various dimensions for the Muslims and oppressed the world over and to the gentlemen who are graciously here, including understanding, a political aspect, an aspect of self-sacrifice, and other dimensions.

Let us now draw a comparison between some aspects of the situation that existed in the past and those that exist today. This should begin here in this very assembly. It is one of the republic's blessings that such an assembly includes those who could not come together in such a gathering in the past. You are cognizant of the fact that the country's ulema, the ulema of the Qom Seminary, and those of universities never had such a meeting under one roof and in one heart in the past. The same applies to the ambassadors of friendly countries, the university professors, and government dignitaries. They never assembled to inquire about what they needed and what should be done about the situation.

None of the foreign ambassadors would attend any gatherings where the ulema gathered in the past. They were not prepared to attend such gatherings because the ulema had been portrayed to them as a group of reactionaries, backward-looking people, moribund individuals, terms that, as you remember, used to be applied to them in the past. It has now transpired that European and American experts had perceived that it would be dangerous to have these groups of people join together; that is to say, dangerous for them. In the same context, this was also spread by those they had in this country, those they had trained themselves. Thus, such was the situation when such a gathering could not possibly take place.

What can prevent the situation from reverting to the past lies in a little pondering of the 'Id al-Adha and sacrifice of His Holiness Ebrahim; that is, the sacrifice he gave, his self-sacrifice, as well as matters relating to hajj, matters to do with hajj, and other Islamic issues. The various dimensions of hajj have been introduced to enable us to understand something. Those who are here have their obligations, which I hope they will fulfill, God willing. We and those who have returned from the hajj have our share of obligations which amount to following up the study of the 'Id al-Adha and places of sacrifice.

Praise be to God. We have thus far taken many positive steps. When you compare the present to the past you will realize very well the situation. For instance, many of you, or most of you recall the clamor that was created in connection with the referendum regarding the so-called White Revolution [under the shah in 1963], and how much hue and cry was raised. Nevertheless, they could not claim more than 6 million votes [in that referendum]. The reason is, I can assure you, that there were not that many votes [in favor of the proposed White Revolution]. Despite all of the usurper regime's pressures and all of its propaganda, they could not claim that some 10 million people had voted. They wanted to lie and exaggerate.

Now, in a country that was under pressure from all sides, showered with calls for boycotting the [recent presidential] elections, assailed by every type of propaganda, now, in such a country in which some 14 million people voted, according to figures, one can see the difference and appreciate the changes that have taken place in Iran.

This is an astonishing change. The regime that concentrated all the powers in its hands, that possessed all the levers of exerting pressure, that did not shirk from bringing any form of pressure to bear, that regime, even in its false claim, could not assert that 8 million people had voted, for it only claimed 6 million.

With all its lies and exaggerations and all other things that regime could only claim 6 million votes, and even then, they were boasting a good deal about that, although it was a lie.

When the allies entered our country, they [Reza Shah and his government] resisted for only 3 hours despite all the strength they boasted of. Later, when that man, that ignoble man, asked them how it was that they resisted for only 3 hours, they [Iranian forces and commanders] replied:

Three hours is an exaggeration. They [the allied forces] arrived from one direction and we fled in the other. Compare that time to the present. Our youth and our nation's various strata are standing up to all powers. They are all plotting [against us]. They all joined forces to save the previous regime, but our youth disrupted their plans. They all joined forces to bring victory [to Iraq] in this war and each day they falsely claim that they have achieved victory. Nevertheless, our youth have resisted them and are moving forward.

Take our women for example; see how it was then and how it is now. Our women have become pious. All over the country, while our youth are fighting on the fronts, they [women] serve behind the lines, in addition to having lessons, readings [of the Koran], and teaching sessions. I have heard that some women are even engaged in teaching abroad. What a transformation!

If the clergy and university staff, especially the university employees and lecturers, truly wish for this country to be safe, if they do not want this country to revert to its former state, they must be careful of the way they teach and look after the students. They must safeguard the universities on the basis of the very changes that have taken place.

The universities should change and, naturally, they have. But it requires much more care.

I thank the Iranian nation for all that it does. I pray to God to safeguard all Islamic nations, to familiarize them with their duties, to familiarize us with our own duties, and to watch over us while we are on our course [words indistinct].

Peace and God's mercy be upon you.

Khamene'i Speech Emphasizes Unity, Loyalty of People

LD271421 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 27 Aug 85

[Excerpts] Millions of our Muslim compatriots performed their 'Id-e Qorban [Day of Sacrifice] prayer throughout the country. It was led by Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i, the Friday imam of Tehran, in Tehran, at Tehran University.

Hojjat ol-Eslam Khamene'i alluded to the Iranian hajj pilgrims and other pilgrims and their continued struggle against satanic idols and arrogant powers, saying: The Iranian people are chanting "God is great" and "There is no God but God" today in a manner that leaves no doubt that there are certain intonations and tunes inherent in these slogans.

The Friday imam of Tehran then delivered his second Qorban sermon and expressed his gratitude for the people's vast participation in the presidential election and their dynamic support, which plays a determining role in the community's social life, for the regime. He referred to it as an heroic move, saying:

The Iranian nation foiled all enemies' attempts following victory of the Islamic revolution's victory, aimed at making the people indifferent towards events connected with the revolution. The Iranian people demonstrated that despite all the hostile propaganda of major and minor enemies, such plots and conspiracies have had no influence whatsoever since the nation's victory.

Concluding his sermon, the Friday imam of Tehran emphasized the strong bond existing between the nation and [government] officials, saying: As long as these strong bonds exist between the officials of the Islamic Republic and the nation, no one will shirk their responsibility. Remember, we will overcome all of the plots of Islam's enemies' in all fields — military, political, economic, and propaganda — which have been launched by major world enemies against us.

We will overcome these with the assistance of our divine bond and God's blessing.

Reportage on Visit of CSSR Foreign Minister

27 Aug Arrival

LD271739 Tehran IRNA in English 1714 GMT 27 Aug 85

[Text] Tehran, Aug 27 IRNA — Czechoslovakia's foreign minister Bohuslav Chnoupek at the head of a Czech delegation arrived here Tuesday and was welcomed at Tehran Airport by the Iranian foreign minister Dr 'Ali Akbar Velayati and some officials of Iran's Foreign Ministry.

At the airport, Chnoupek told reporters that the objective of the delegation's visit was to expand diplomatic ties between the two countries.

The delegation is to meet and confer with some top level authorities of Iran about the mutual relations of the two countries during its three-day stay here.

Interviewed on Aim of Visit

LD272136 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2030 GMT 27 Aug 85

[Text] The Czechoslovak minister of foreign affairs arrived in Tehran tonight in order to exchange views with officials of the Islamic Republic of Iran. At Mehrabad Airport he was welcomed by Minister of Foreign Affairs Velayati and a number of under secretaries to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Bohuslav Chnoupek, who arrived in Iran leading a political delegation, in an interview given to our correspondent in regard to the aims of this trip, said: This delegation's visit to Iran takes place following the constructive talks we had with Iran's Foreign Minister.

Czechoslovakia's minister of foreign affairs, referring to the fact that his country was one of the first to recognize the Islamic revolution, said: The two countries could have constructive cooperation in many fields and I hope that this trip, taking place at an appropriate time, will contribute to expanding bilateral relations.

Czechoslovakia's minister of foreign affairs added: Recently, Mr Shafe'i, Iran's minister of industries, met Czechoslovak officials in Prague in connection with bilateral trade and economic problems and both sides reached positive results. We deem this as an opportunity for expanding the countries' ties.

Chnoupek said: During my stay in Iran, we will exchange views on international and political problems and may I clearly emphasize that our views are close to those of the Islamic Republic of Iran with regard to important political and international probelms — in other words, struggle toward peace, support for the Nonaligned Movement, struggle against Zionism and racism and for solving the problems of the Middle East, caused by Israeli aggression.

In conclusion he added: I believe that my visit to the Islamic Republic of Iran will be extremely useful and fruitful and that it will be an excellent path toward expanding the areas of interest of the two countries.

Finance Minister Discusses Calling in Foreign Loans

LD272243 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2030 GMT 27 Aug 85

[Text] In an interview with IRNA, Minister of Economic Affairs and Finance Namazi discussed the work carried out by the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Finance. Taking part in this interview on the occasion of Government Week, Namazi said the following in connection with the recovery of the Islamic Republic of Iran's loans to foreign countries and the repayment of debts connected with previous agreements: From the beginning of the year 1360 to Tir of this year [21 March 1981-22 June 1985] more than $1.63 million [as heard] of the payments demanded have been recovered, and legal steps have been taken in order to recover delayed payments.

Mr Namazi gave as the reason for nonrecovery of some of the funds demanded the financial incapacity and the political situation of the debtor countries. The minister of economic affairs and finance then said in reference to the currency expenditure law and the situation of the country's currency reserves: The Islamic Republic has been able to organize its expenditures in accordance with its income. In the currency expenditure law recently approved by the Islamic Consultative Assembly, permission is not given to utilize currency reserves; an increase in reserves has even been called for in this law. He added: The draft currency expenditure law is being implemented in the country for the first time, and this draft law will become a permanent guideline for keeping our expenditures in line with our income and will be a solution to the country's currency policies.

Economic Council Approves Budget, War Funding

LD271620 Tehran IRNA in English 1530 GMT 27 Aug 85

[Text] Tehran, Aug 27, IRNA — Iran's Economic Council held a session here Monday in which President 'Ali Khamene'i, Premier Hoseyn Musavi and a number of Cabinet ministers as well as other officials were present.

The budget for the next Iranian year of 1365 (beginning March 21, 1986) was approved in the meeting where it was emphasized that the provision of credit and other affairs relevant to the war remain the most important issues of the country.

At the meeting, officials from the Ministry of Plan and Budget briefed the president and the others on the economic issues of the country.

U.S. 'Spy Den' Documents Reportedly Published

LD251706 Tehran IRNA in English 1654 GMT 25 Aug 85

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 25, IRNA — A new book of documents obtained from the former Tehran U.S. spy den (embassy) has been published and distributed to book stores here, daily *KEY HAN* reported Sunday.

The book is entitled "U.S. Involvement in Islamic Countries" and is the third set of documents on Palestine.

According to *KEYHAN* the documents speak of a member of the Palestine Liberation Organization, the FATH branch, who is an informer for the American Central Intelligence Agency, CIA.

The name of the man is not revealed in the documents, but he is simply referred to as M.J.1, as well as B.1, and is said to have travelled to Iran after the 1979 Islamic revolution.

KEYHAN said the man travelled to Iran on the pretext of giving the Islamic revolution a helping hand but gave full accounts of his evaluation to the Americans.

KEYHAN said the evaluations were wrong and "naturally must have misguided his masters in America".

The book has the photos of the documents and their Persian translation. The documents were shredded at the time of the embassy take-over but were later put together after months of labourious efforts.

Further Reportage on Geneva Talks on Afghanistan

Revolutionaries Condemn Bargaining

GF271627 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1430 GMT 27 Aug 85

[Text] In a telephone conversation with the radio and television office of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Islamabad, the Afghan Muslim revolutionaries strongly condemned all kinds of bargaining on the Afghan issue. One of the Afghan revolutionaries said that the Afghan revolutionaries will continue their struggle with determination until the deportation of the last Soviet soldier from their country.

It is known that the fifth round of the Geneva negotiations concerning the Afghan issue began with the participation of the Pakistani foreign minister and the foreign minister of the Afghan agent regime.

Further Details

LD271759 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 27 Aug 85

[Text] Simultaneous with the commencement of the fifth round of Geneva discussions with the participation of the foreign affairs ministers of Pakistan and the puppet regime of Kabul, in a contact with the office of the Voice and Vision [radio and television] of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Islamabad, Muslim Afghan revolutionaries strongly condemned any type of compromise over the Afghan issue.

In this contact, one of the Muslim Afghan revolutionaries said: We will continue our ceaseless struggle until the last occupying force has left the soil of our Islamic country.

Another of these revolutionaries termed the Islamic Republic of Iran's stand towards the Afghan issue as just and encouraging and said: At a time when Iran has been attacked by the Zionist Iraqi regime, it supports the Muslim and oppressed Afghan nation.

Soviet Forces Launch 'Heavy' Attack on Mujahidin

LD271645 Tehran IRNA in English 1603 GMT 27 Aug 85

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 27, IRNA — Soviet forces have launched a heavy attack against Afghan Muslim revolutionaries in Paktia Province in order to break the mujahidin siege on Khowst city, informed Afghan sources in New Delhi told IRNA, Tuesday.

The city, some 35 kms from the Pakistani border has been under Muslim mujahidin siege for about a year.

Heavy fighting is still raging in Paktia and a Soviet military column comprising 200 vehicles had been seen leaving Kabul for the disturbed region, the same sources said.

The sources told IRNA that though the Soviets are able to break the seige the attempt may inflict heavy casualties on them.

In Panjsher Valley, overlooking the vital Salang route, the mujahidin are still active. A Soviet military column carrying howitzer guns entered the valley last week and it is said that the Soviets have pleaded for a cease-fire with Ahmad Shah Masud the mujahidin commander in the valley. "They have not received any response yet," a diplomat said.

Political sources estimate that some 115,000 Soviet Army personnel are currently in Afghanistan.

Reportage on Combat Operation in War With Iraq

Communique No 2,210

LD271559 Tehran IRNA in English 1549 GMT 27 Aug 85

[Text] Tehran, Aug 27, IRNA — Iraqi forces suffered substantial casualties and damage in northern fronts during the past 24 hours when their positions were subjected to the heavy artillery fire of the Iranian Muslim combatants, the Joint Staff Command reported here Tuesday in its communique number 2210. The communique added the artillery fire of Iran's Muslim fighters also destroyed two tanks of the Iraqi enemy in these fronts.

In the central fronts, the communique said, the fire of the Iraqi forces was silenced and Iraqi patrols were prevented from approaching the Iranian positions in the region.

Vigilance of the Iranian fighters forced two Iraqi patrol units to flee as they were attempting to approach the Iranian positions in Nahr-e Anbar and Jofeyr regions, the command said.

The Command added that the exchange of artillery fire continued in the southern fronts, being more intense in Majnun Island and Kushk. Iran's gendarmerie forces traded artillery fire with Iraqi Ba'thists across the Arvand River, killing and wounding a number of Iraqi troops and destroying some of their bunkers, the communique said.

The cities of Abadan and Khorramshahr were the targets of sporadic long-range artillery fire of Iraq which wrecked some houses in Abadan, the communique concluded.

Briefs

Three Tankers Purchased — Bandar-e 'Abbas, Hormozgan Prov., Aug. 27, IRNA — Iran's Oil Ministry purchased three tankers recently in order to facilitate the transport of fuel to the Perisan Gulf Islands. The three tankers *Baneh*, *Sardasht* and *Marivan*. Each has a 500 ton capacity and they will not only speed up the fuel-transport but also reduce the expenses in this regard. *Baneh* has already been put into operation and the two others will start work by the end of the current year. [Text] [*Tehran IRNA in English 1458 GMT 27 Aug 85 LD*]

Energy Production Reported — Tehran, Aug. 27, IRNA — Electricity production of power plants affiliated to Iran's Energy Ministry this spring reached 8,555 million kwh, showing an increase of 9.1 percent compared to the same period last year, a statistical bulletin of Iran's electricity industry said today. According to the bulletin thermal plants produced 6,639 million kwh and water fed plants 1,916 million kwh of electricity. Also, 7,067 million kwh of the total 8,555 million were produced by the country's main electricity system and 1,448 kwh out of the system. The bulletin went on to say that 4,023 million kwh of the said production was through vapor plant, 2,107 million kwh through gas plants, 329 million through diesel plants and 1,916 million kwh through water plants. It was also said that the projected production reached 11,508 mw and the exploited production, 6274 mw. [Text] [Tehran IRNA in English 1618 GMT 27 Aug 85 LD]

Budget Plans Announced — Bandar-e 'Abbas, Hormozgan Prov., Aug 27, IRNA — A sum of 7.54 billion rials (about 75.4 million dollars) has been allocated for the fulfillment and completion of development plans in the islands and ports of Hormozgan Province, governor general of the province, Mr Khorrami announced Tuesday. Speaking to IRNA on the occasion of "Government Week", the governor added that the budget will be spent on 76 developments plans throughout the province in the current year. A sum of 300 million rials (about three million dollars) out of the budget is for buying new launches for the fishermen of Hormoz Isle. Another sum will be spent on develoment plans which include provision of electricity and water supply and road construction in Qeshm and Minab being officially recognized by the government as two deprived cities among 41 others throughout the country, Khorrami concluded. [Text] [*Tehran IRNA in English 1811 GMT 27 Aug 85 LD*]